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Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1-27 (Cancelled)

28. (New) A method of on-line processing of electronic applications for admission to institutions, the applications requiring additional documents obtainable from third parties, comprising:

transmitting over a computer network to an applicant an electronic application form to complete;

receiving over the computer network from the applicant the electronic application form including information entered by the applicant;

automatically generating a request bearing a machine readable code and human readable information, the human readable information specifying a document to be retrieved and associated with the electronic application form;

automatically transmitting the request to a third party via facsimile;

receiving from the third party as facsimile data both the document requested and the request; and

automatically reading the facsimile data and determining from the machine readable code on the request the electronic application form with which to associate the document; and

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automatically associating the document with the electronic application form, the third party using only a facsimile transmission device to transmit the document and the machine readable code facilitating automatic matching of the document with the electronic application forms.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 in which receiving from the third party as facsimile data both the document requested and the request includes receiving a transcript.

30. (New) The method of claim 28 in which automatically generating a request bearing a machine readable code includes automatically generating a request bearing a bar code.

31. (New) The method of claim 28 in which automatically generating a request bearing a machine readable code includes automatically generating a request bearing machine recognizable alphanumeric characters.

32. (New) The method of claim 28 in which transmitting to an applicant an electronic application form includes transmitting an electronic application form for applying for admission to a first institution and further comprising storing the document in electronic format, the stored document being associated with the applicant and being available to transmit to other institutions in association with subsequent electronic application forms completed by the applicant.

33. (New) the method of claim 32 further comprising
transmitting over a computer network to the applicant a second electronic application form to complete;

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receiving over the computer network from the applicant the second electronic application form including information entered by the applicant;
automatically associating the stored document with the second electronic application form; and
transmitting to the second institution the stored document and the second electronic application form.

34. (New) The method of claim 28 in which automatically transmitting the request to a third party includes verifying that the third party has agreed to return the document via facsimile.

35. (New) The method of claim 28 in which transmitting over a computer network to an applicant an electronic application form includes transmitting an electronic application form for applying for admission to an institution and in which automatically transmitting the request to a third party includes verifying that the institution to which the applicant is applying accepts electronic attachments to its electronic application forms.

36. (New) The method of claim 28 in which transmitting over a computer network to an applicant an electronic application form includes transmitting an electronic application form for applying for admission to an institution and further comprising transmitting the electronic application form and the received document to the institution.

37. (New) The method of claim 36 in which transmitting the electronic application form and the document to the institution includes transmitting the electronic application form

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and the document together to the institution.

38. (New) The method of claim 36 in which transmitting the electronic application form and the document to the institution includes transmitting the electronic application form and the document at different times, the institution using the identifying information to match the document with the electronic application form.